

D-751

Brookview United Methodist Church

Brookview vicinity

1884

Public worship

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-751

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Brookview M. P. Church
other Brookview United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number Route 14 not for publication
city, town Brookview vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Brookview United Methodist Church Attention: Rev. Delmer Willey
street and number 5413 Sharptown Road telephone
city, town Rhodesdale state MD zip code 21659

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber folio
city, town Cambridge tax map tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | Contributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | 2 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory |

7. Description

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Condition

| | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Brookview United Methodist Church, historically the Brookview M. P. Church, stands on the north side of Route 14 a half mile west of the village of Brookview, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story gable roofed frame church, erected in 1884, is supported on a raised concrete block foundation of early twentieth century date. The church is covered with aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The church cemetery borders the building to the north and west. Standing behind the church is an early twentieth-century two-door frame privy.

The single-story Gothic Revival frame church stands atop a high knoll on the north side of Route 14, and its elevation is heightened by the rusticated block foundation that was placed under the structure during the early to mid twentieth century. Sheathed with a layer of aluminum siding, the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The south (main) elevation is pierced by a Gothic arched entrance featuring a modern glass door and a colored glass transom above. The entrance is reached by a modern set of steps and handicapped ramp of concrete blocks. To the right (east) of the entrance steps is the marble datetone set in the rusticated block foundation. The datestone is inscribed with the specific date July 4, 1884. The edge of the roof is finished with a slightly extended eave.

The east and west sides of the church are essentially alike with three pointed arch windows defining each elevation. The sash windows have colored glass perimeter panes fixed around opaque patterned glass. The wall surfaces are otherwise plain, and the base of the roof is trimmed with a plain boxed cornice.

The north (rear) elevation has a gable roofed apse that is surrounded by a single-story shed roofed addition evidently built when the church was placed on the concrete block foundation.

Inside, the church has a pressed metal ceiling of repeating squares, and a Gothic arch frames the altar recess. The altar platform is enhanced with a low turned baluster railing typical to late nineteenth century churches. The pews and altar furniture date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The two-door privy is a small frame structure sheathed with weatherboard siding and covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The structure is painted white, and the interiors remain unpainted. The building is currently used for storage. Providing access to each space are vertical board-and-batten doors.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ | |

Specific dates July 4, 1884

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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E. C. Hallman, *The Garden of Methodism*, The Peninsula Annual Conference, 1948, pp. 303-304.

Graham, John L. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 66.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 43,506 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 43,506 square feet
Quadrangle name Rhodesdale, Md 1974

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this surveyed property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

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| name/title | Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian | | |
| organization | Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation | date | 1/8/2008 |
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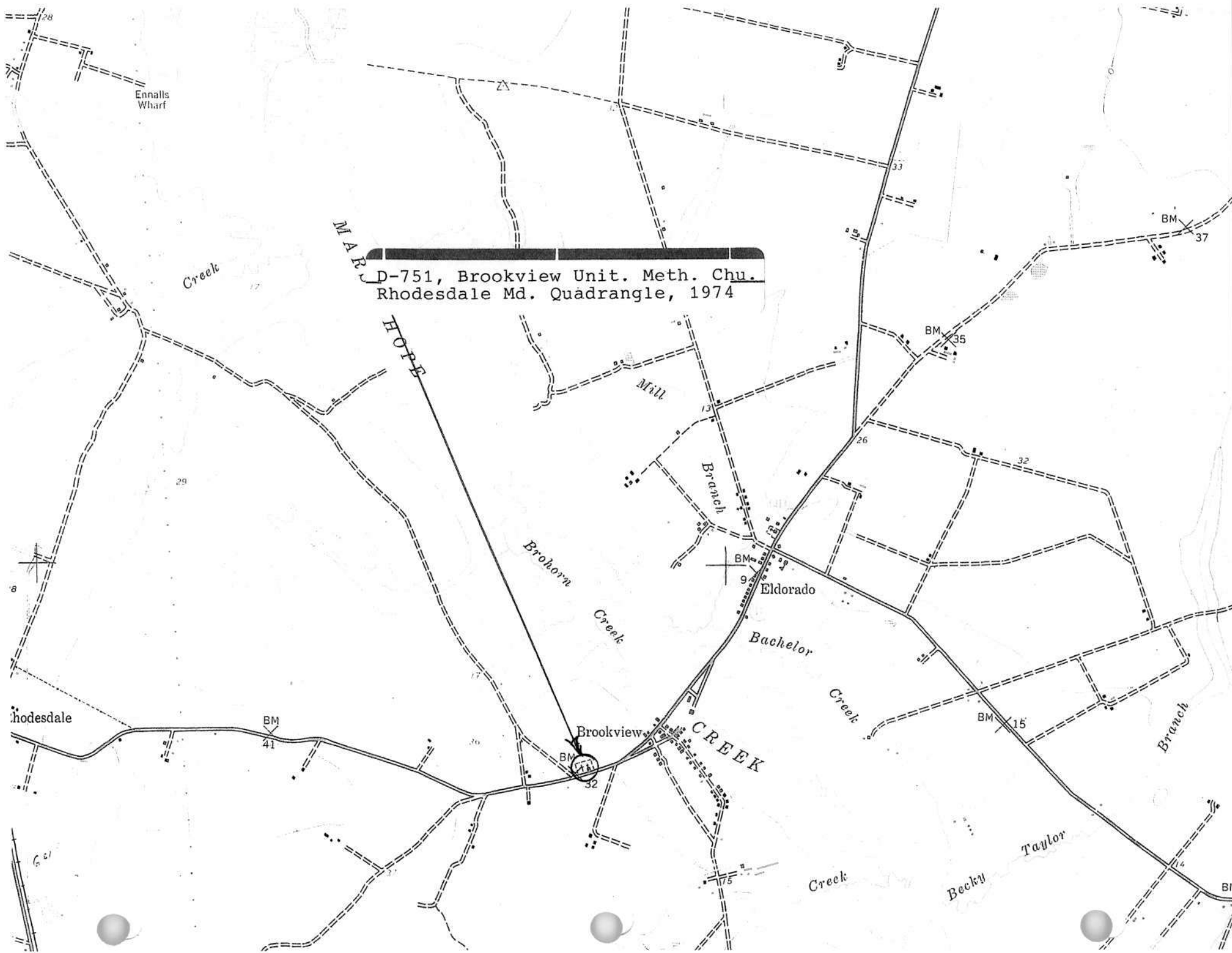
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SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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